



**WV Watershed Network Meeting
January 13, 2000
Elk Soil Conservation District
Gassaway, WV**

Present:

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| ❖ Chris Daugherty, DEP
Watershed Management | ❖ Danny Evans, WVSCA | ❖ Uma Siemiaczko, Lower
Paint Creek Asso. |
| ❖ Alvan Gale, WV DEP | ❖ Tim Craddock, DNR | ❖ Eric Dunnaway, WVDEP |
| ❖ Mike Sheehan, WV DEP | ❖ Theodora Plumley, DNR | ❖ James Warren, WV DOF |
| ❖ Teresa Byler, WVSCA | ❖ Charles Riling, WVDOH | ❖ Nathan Fetty, WV Rivers
Coalition |
| ❖ Jennifer Pauer, WV DEP
Stream Partners | ❖ Pam Russell, WVSCA | ❖ Jen Novak, PA
Environmental Council |
| ❖ Reuben Gillispie, WV
Bureau for Public Health | ❖ Kery Bledsoe, WV DNR | ❖ Gary Berti, Canaan Valley
Institute |
| ❖ George Mayhew, WVDEP | ❖ Peggy Pings, NPS Rivers
& Trails Program | |
| ❖ Greg Adolfson, WV DEP | ❖ Marty Prichard, Lower
Paint Creek Asso. | |
| | ❖ Jim Campbell, Lower
Paint Creek Asso. | |

BUSINESS MEETING

RIVERS 2000

Jim Lane, DEP reported on Rivers 2000. Rivers 2000 is a part of the Rivers Management Society, a national non-profit professional society that is dedicated to the protection and management of North America's river resources. The goal of the Society is to promote active communication among those who have a stake in river management such as: river managers, governments, industries, landowners, educators, and recreational river users. The River Management Society proclaims June 2000 as "Rivers 2000 month" a national proclamation is to come out of Wash D.C. Rivers 200 will focus on 3 R's --1. Recognition - 2. Recreation - 3. Revitalization. The objective of Rivers 2000 is to have at least 2,000 river or watershed related activities occur during the year 2000. The goal is to have all 50 states participate in the Pass the Paddle event. The tentative Pass the Paddle plan is for each state to have the paddle for three days, and then pass it to the next state along rivers that intersect. Rivers 2000 has scheduled West Virginia to receive the paddle in early April. This would be a good way to kick-off Earth Day activities across the state, and to bring added attention to the need to protect and restore the waterways. They are putting together distribution packets and kits for the following: local organizers, teachers, leaders of youth and senior organizations, community service clubs, faith-based groups, local businesses, and local government. They are also planning to conduct 8 regional workshops. Pam Nixon, WV DEP is coordinating activities for WV. Volunteers are needed for scheduling activities, organizing activities, participating in activities, etc.

If you know anyone interested in sponsoring activities in your watershed, or in participating in the Rivers 2000 campaign please contact Pam at 304-759-0570. For more information you can access www.rivers2000.org

OUTREACH

Jennifer Pauer reported on the Water Celebration Day 2000 Planning Committee that was held on 12-17-99

➤ Results of the evaluations filled out by Water Celebration Day attendees:

Plus

Recycling plastic name tags
Good time of year
Balloons
All nominees got plaques
Exhibits
Networking
Activities/ add more
Food

Delta

Plastic food containers
Add counties to resource book
Balloons on floor
Too much wood
Tell what award winners did
During hunting season
Hear from winners
Nomination process
Committees for Saturday (clean up/ food)
Thank you certificates for everyone

➤ Date for WCD 2000

November 4th or 11th

Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park

Same Celebration format

➤ Nominations

Who:

Watershed Associations nominate themselves

Network Members/ anyone (non-watershed members)

How:

Send out list of awards and nomination forms – to Watersheds and Network list

Limit for WSAs is three nominations (Guiding Light not included and all can nominate themselves for watershed of the year).

Nomination form will be developed / 100 word limit per category

Network members can make as many nominations as they like

Nominating Committee will be formed

Guiding Light – people can nominate themselves or someone else

When:

June 26th requests sent out

September 1st deadline

Network to review at the October meeting

➤ Awards

Overall criteria for awards

Projects from July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

Can not win the same award two years in a row / provide a list of winners with nomination forms

Specific Awards

Members of the committee will work up criteria. We will review these during the next meeting

- Water Quality – Alvan
- Recreation – Peggy
- Stream Partners – Jen
- Agriculture – Teresa
- Polluted Coal Mine Drainage – Greg
- Habitat – Emily
- City Slicker – Jen
- Bronze Booty – Fine as it is
- Flood Mitigation _ Teresa
- Golden Garbage Can – Chris

Some suggestions the group worked up:

Water Quality

The watershed association, who has used water quality monitoring as a tool to educate, restore, protect, preserve and enhance their watershed.

Identify problems

Describe terms restore, protect, preserve, enhance

Outreach and Education

Description fine

Development of materials

Newsletters

Seminars/workshops

Recreation

Peggy may work on description

Trail development

Fishing piers

Access

Improved opportunities

Agriculture

Add - to educate, restore, protect, preserve and enhance

Watershed of the year (essay contest anyone can nominate themselves /not included in the limit)

Tell us why you deserve to be the watershed of the year.

- What sets your organization apart from other watershed associations within the state?
- Obstacles you have overcome
- Accomplishment to restore, protect, preserve, and enhance

150 word limit for Watershed of the year essay

Guiding Light

Description fine as it is

➤ Ceremony

1. Nominees will be announced and stand at their seats
2. Hand each nominee a certificate
3. Winner announced – will be given two awards one to keep and Stanley Cup
4. Photo taken of winner
5. Winner gets a few minutes to speak

➤ Resource Book - to be included:

Map of watershed locations

Counties of watersheds

Alphabetical listing

➤ Funding /sponsors

How much will we need? \$1,000 for food for 150 people; Awards; Door prizes – done throughout the day

We will come up with sponsor list next meeting

We may be able to get more donations.

➤ Action Items:

1. Find out about tables from the Park or need to rent
2. Have display needs on registration form
3. Edit Watershed Associations out of Network mailing list
4. Emily will draft instruction form for nominations
5. List of last year's winners goes out with nominations
6. All members will work on criteria for specific awards to come up with bullets
7. Greg will prepare return envelopes to be sent to winners to get the Stanley Cup awards back

WATER NET NEWSLETTER

Nathan Fetty, WV Rivers Coalition reported that the WVWN Water Net subcommittee sent out a Water Net survey. Two different surveys were sent out (approximately 160 surveys went out) one survey for agencies and one for watershed groups. Fourteen surveys were returned from watershed groups and 6 or 7 from agencies. Nathan will wait one more week to receive other surveys that may be coming then hopes to share the results of these surveys. The feedback he has received so far shows a defiant interest in the publication. Discussion was held on how to get funding. Suggestions and discussions that followed:

- Chris Daugherty suggested that each WVWN member follow up the survey with your own agency to make sure that the Directors or appropriate person in that agency is aware of the publication and the need for help in keeping it published to the public.
- Electronic publication verses hard copy was suggested and it was stated that it already appears on the FETC website and while this is good, some of the watershed groups do not have a way to obtain the newsletter electronically.
- Greg Adolphson requested a break down on the cost of the newsletter.
- Rick Buckley offered to put it on the OSM web page.
- It was suggested that the mailing list may need to be revamped,
- less expensive paper for the printing was suggested
- Non-profit status was discussed.
- More than one agency to fund the newsletter
- Agencies to take turns publishing the newsletter

WVWN CHAIRPERSON AND SUBCOMMITTEES 2000

James Warren , Division of Forestry was elected to serve as the of the WV Watershed Network for 2000. The following sub committees for 2000 were formed:

<u>Water Celebration Day</u>	<u>Watershed Training /TEAM</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Inside/Outreach</u>
Jennifer Pauer, Chair	Alvan Gale, Chair	Nathan Fetty, Chair	Tim Craddock
Peggy Pings	Jennifer Pauer	Chris Daughery	Jessica Welsh
Pam Russell	Danny Evans	Jessica Welsh	All members -
Tim Craddock	Gary Berti	Emily Grafton	(recruitment)
Theodora Plumley	Charlie Riling	Jenniger Pauer	
Teresa Byler	Pam Russell	Peggy Pings	
Chris Daugherty	Teresa Byler	Tim Craddock	
Alvan Gayle	Eric Danaway		
Jessica Welsh			
Emily Grafton			
Gary Berti			

MON RIVER INITIATIVE

Jen Novak requested that a group of from WV and Pennsylvania join together and put together a Mon River Atlas and a network between the Allegheny and Monogahela Watersheds. The Training subcommittee plans to put this together at their next meeting as a training event. Ruben Gillispie also offered to a groundwater Model presentation as another training possibility.

OSM SUMMER INTERNS

Greg Adolphson announced that the OSM office has interns available to Watershed Groups again this summer. Any group interested should contact Rick Buckley at 304-347-7158.

Submitted by Pam Russell, WVSCA